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Subject: Peter - can we touch base on Great Bay documents

Hi, Peter -

I'm working with OGC's Jim Curtin to complete the process of pulling together documents that are responsive to the Great Bay FOIAs we've received from Hall and Associates.

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Do you mind if I set up 15 minutes to chat?

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 Peter Grevatt---10/19/2012 09:14:19 AM---Hi Ross. Here is the email I sent to Glenn communicating my conclusion regarding the allegation of

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Date: 10/19/2012 09:14 AM
Subject: Great Bay documents

Hi Ross. Here is the email I sent to Glenn communicating my conclusion regarding the allegation of scientific misconduct in the Great Bay matter.

Here is the link for EPA scientific integrity policy that I reference in my email:
http://www.epa.gov/osa/pdfs/epa_scientific_integrity_policy_20120115.pdf

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Subject: Preliminary conclusions regarding potential scientific misconduct

Glenn, in my role as EPA's interim science integrity official, I have reviewed the May 4, 2012 letter from John Hall of Hall and Associates to Lisa Jackson and Arthur Elkins regarding alleged scientific misconduct in the actions of EPA's Region 1 office related to approval of the New Hampshire's Great Bay nutrient criteria and the development of EPA Region 1 draft NPDES permits for Exeter, Portsmouth and Rochester, New Hampshire. Mr. Hall suggests in his letter that the approach used by EPA Region 1 constitutes scientific misconduct under EPA's principles of scientific integrity.

This email summarizes my preliminary conclusions regarding potential scientific misconduct on the part of EPA Region 1 in this matter.

EPA's 2012 Science Integrity Policy indicates that "Scientific misconduct includes fabrication, falsification or plagiarism in proposing, performing or reviewing scientific and research activities, or in the publication or reporting of these activities; scientific misconduct does not include honest error or differences of opinion."

I have carefully reviewed Mr. Hall's letter and the attachments that were provided to me. Based on this review, my preliminary conclusion is that the Region did not engage in fabrication, falsification or plagiarism in proposing, performing or reviewing scientific and research activities, or in the publication or reporting of these activities, and thus in my view the Region's actions do not in any way constitute scientific misconduct as defined by EPA's scientific integrity policy.

Please let me know if you have any questions regarding my preliminary conclusions on this matter.

Thanks, P. Grevatt

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